

AMERICAN INDIAN-ALASKA NATIVE RELATED AMENDMENTS

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill addresses American Indian-Alaska Native issues.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- requires the establishment of an office on American Indian-Alaska Native health issues with the liaison as administrative head; and
- makes technical and conforming amendments.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

9-9-104.6, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 246

26-7-2.5, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 192

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **9-9-104.6** is amended to read:

9-9-104.6. Participation of state agencies in meetings with tribal leaders --

Contact information.

(1) For at least three of the joint meetings described in Subsection 9-9-104.5(2)(a), the division shall coordinate with representatives of tribal governments and the entities listed in Subsection (2) to provide for the broadest participation possible in the joint meetings.

(2) The following may participate in all meetings described in Subsection (1):

(a) the chairs of the Native American Legislative Liaison Committee created in Section 36-22-1;

(b) the governor or the governor's designee;

(c) ~~[(i)]~~ the American ~~[Indian-Alaskan]~~ Indian-Alaska Native Health Liaison appointed in accordance with Section 26-7-2.5; ~~[or]~~

~~[(ii) if the American Indian-Alaskan Native Health Liaison is not appointed, a representative of the Department of Health appointed by the executive director of the Department of Health;]~~

(d) the American ~~[Indian-Alaskan]~~ Indian-Alaska Native Public Education Liaison appointed in accordance with Section 53F-5-604; and

(e) a representative appointed by the chief administrative officer of the following:

(i) the Department of Human Services;

(ii) the Department of Natural Resources;

(iii) the Department of Workforce Services;

(iv) the Governor's Office of Economic Development;

(v) the State Board of Education; and

(vi) the State Board of Regents.

(3) (a) The chief administrative officer of the agencies listed in Subsection (3)(b) shall:

(i) designate the name of a contact person for that agency that can assist in coordinating the efforts of state and tribal governments in meeting the needs of the Native Americans residing in the state; and

(ii) notify the division:

(A) who is the designated contact person described in Subsection (3)(a)(i); and

(B) of any change in who is the designated contact person described in Subsection (3)(a)(i).

(b) This Subsection (3) applies to:

(i) the Department of Agriculture and Food;

(ii) the Department of Heritage and Arts;

(iii) the Department of Corrections;

(iv) the Department of Environmental Quality;

(v) the Department of Public Safety;

(vi) the Department of Transportation;

(vii) the Office of the Attorney General;

(viii) the State Tax Commission; and

(ix) any agency described in Subsections (2)(c) through (e).

(c) At the request of the division, a contact person listed in Subsection (3)(b) may participate in a meeting described in Subsection (1).

(4) (a) A participant under this section who is not a legislator may not receive compensation or benefits for the participant's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses as allowed in:

(i) Section 63A-3-106;

(ii) Section 63A-3-107; and

(iii) rules made by the Division of Finance according to Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

(b) Compensation and expenses of a participant who is a legislator are governed by Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Legislative Compensation and Expenses.

Section 2. Section **26-7-2.5** is amended to read:

26-7-2.5. American Indian-Alaska Native Health Office -- Duties.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Health care" means care, treatment, service, or a procedure to improve, maintain, diagnose, or otherwise affect an individual's physical or mental condition.

(b) "Liaison" means the American ~~[Indian-Alaskan]~~ Indian-Alaska Native Health Liaison appointed under this section.

(2) ~~[Subject to budget constraints, the]~~ The executive director shall:

(a) establish an office to address health care of Utah's American Indian-Alaska Native population on and off reservations; and

(b) appoint an individual as the American ~~[Indian-Alaskan]~~ Indian-Alaska Native Health Liaison who serves as the administrative head of the office under the supervision of the executive director.

(3) The ~~[liaison]~~ office shall on behalf of the executive director and the department:

(a) promote and coordinate collaborative efforts between the department and Utah's American Indian-Alaska Native population to improve the availability and accessibility of quality health care impacting Utah's American Indian-Alaska Native populations on and off reservations;

(b) interact with the following to improve health disparities for Utah's American

95 Indian-Alaska Native populations:
96 (i) tribal health programs;
97 (ii) local health departments;
98 (iii) state agencies and officials; and
99 (iv) providers of health care in the private sector;
100 (c) facilitate education, training, and technical assistance regarding public health and
101 medical assistance programs to Utah's American Indian-Alaska Native populations; and
102 (d) staff an advisory board by which Utah's tribes may consult with state and local
103 agencies for the development and improvement of public health programs designed to address
104 improved health care for Utah's American Indian-Alaska Native populations on and off the
105 reservation.
106 (4) The liaison shall annually report the [~~liaison's~~] office's activities and
107 accomplishments to the Native American Legislative Liaison Committee created in Section
108 36-22-1.